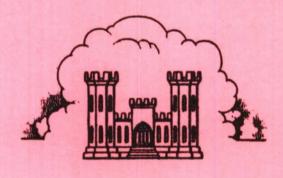
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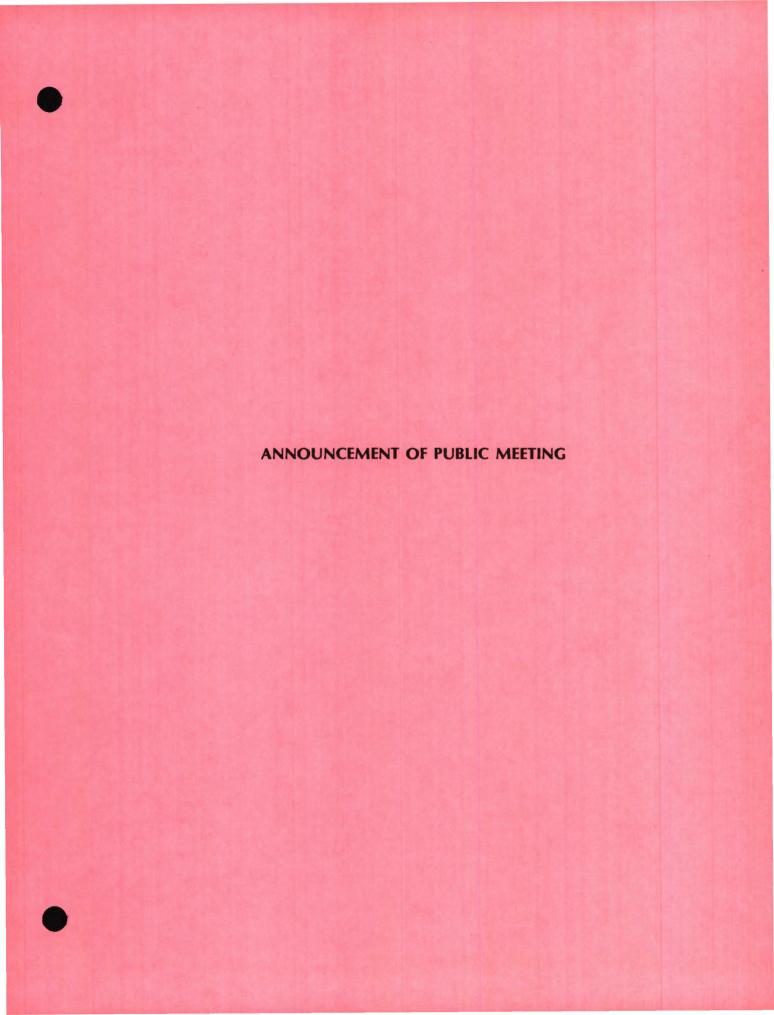


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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING AND INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION FOR

CALIENTE CREEK STREAM GROUP INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT:

Gene A. Lundquist

Study of Flood and Associated Water Resources Problems of the Caliente

Creek Stream Group

TIME:

Monday, 9 July 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Lamont Community Center West End of Hall Street

Lamont, California (see Inclosure 1)

**PURPOSE:** 

At this meeting, the public will be informed of the study that the Corps of Engineers recently initiated for the Caliente Creek Stream Group. The public will also have the opportunity and will be encouraged to comment and exchange information concerning the study. The reasons for the study and the current status are provided in the inclosed information summary (Inclosure 2).

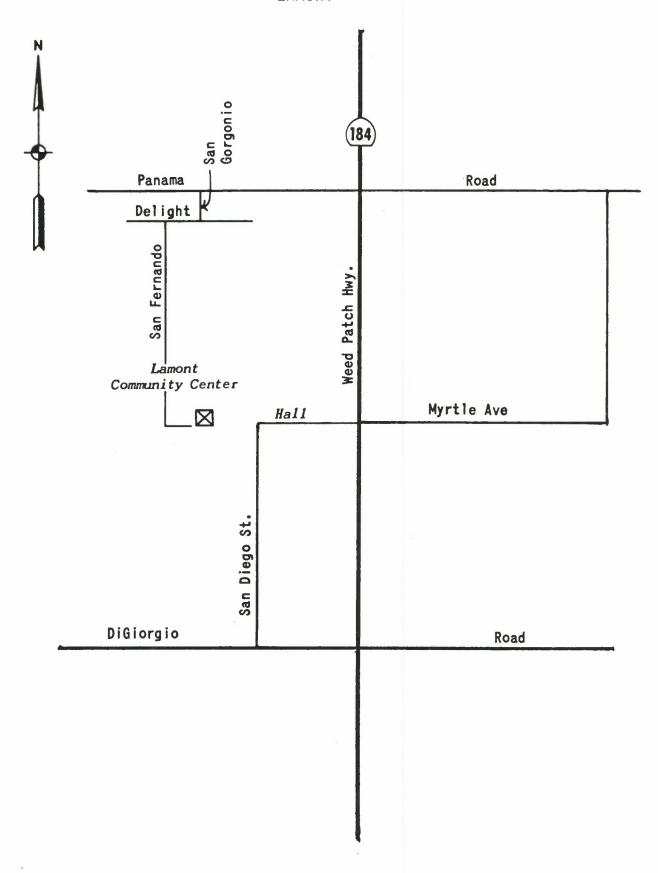
**MEETING FORMAT:** 

The Kern County Water Agency will conduct the meeting. Corps of Engineers representatives will be present to describe the study. After their presentation, all interested individuals, groups, and agencies will be invited and are encouraged to express their views on flood and related water resource problems of the area. Information may be presented at the meeting either orally or in writing. However, for accuracy of the record, all important facts and statements should be submitted in writing. Written comments may be handed to the chairman at the meeting or may be sent to Kern County Water Agency or the Corps of Engineers at the address listed below.

Kern County Water Agency 4114 Arrow Street, P.O. Box 58 Bakersfield, California 93302 Sacramento District Corps of Engineers ATTN: Investigations Section C 650 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California 95814

All statements, both oral and written, will be made a part of the official transcript of the meeting. For receiving additional comments, the records will remain open for two weeks following the meeting. The inclosed comment sheet (Inclosure 3) is provided for your convenience.

Please bring this announcement to the attention of others you know who may be interested.



**INFORMATION SUMMARY** 

### INFORMATION SUMMARY CALIENTE CREEK STREAM GROUP INVESTIGATION

Initiation. - The Corps of Engineers has initiated an investigation of the Caliente Creek Stream Group at the joint request of the Kern County Board of Supervisors and Kern County Water Agency.

Location. - The study area is located in Kern County southeast of the city of Bakersfield. (See attached map.)

Authority. - This investigation will be part of the San Joaquin River Basin Investigation which was authorized by a resolution adopted 8 May 1964 by the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives. The San Joaquin River Basin Investigation includes the Caliente Creek Stream Group.

Past Studies. - A brief feasibility report on the Caliente Creek Stream Group flood problems was prepared by the Corps of Engineers in 1966. This report presented various flood control alternatives including a system of upstream reservoirs and also a system of foothill detention basins connected by diversion and percolation channels. In all plans considered, the separable cost of flood control exceeded the flood control benefits. Therefore, it was recommended that no further consideration be given to a Federal flood control project for the Caliente Creek Stream Group at that time.

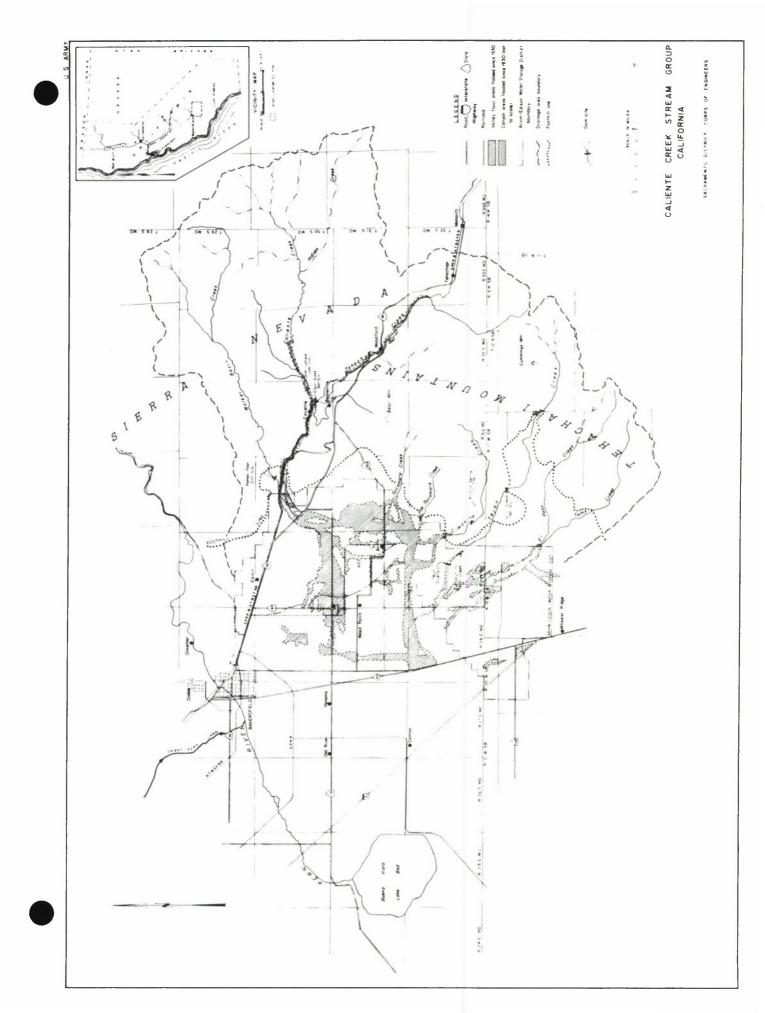
Problems. - The Caliente Creek Stream Group area is subject to major flooding, especially on the valley floor. Since the studies conducted in the 1960's, considerable development has occurred in the flood plain areas. Most of the damage has been to agricultural development, but several communities have sustained considerable flood damages. It is estimated that the 1978 floods caused \$10 million in flood damages.

<u>Planning Process.</u> - Feasibility investigations are conducted under a three-phase planning process.

- Stage I Development of a Reconnaissance Report
- Stage 2 Development of Intermediate Plans
- Stage 3 Development of Detailed Plans

The purpose of Stage I is to obtain a preliminary view of what the overall study will involve and to determine how the study will be managed. This stage emphasizes problem identification and culminates in the preparation of the Reconnaissance Report. During Stage 2, the broad range of potential courses of action for managing the resources in the study area is explored, with emphasis on the formulation of alternatives. During Stage 3, principal attention is given to formulation, assessment, and evaluation to further refine and reduce the number of alternatives to obtain a reasonable array of fully implementable plans. The plan to be recommended for implementation is selected from the final alternative plans. This recommended plan will be described in a feasibility report which will be forwarded to the Congress for consideration of authorization.

The entire study will take approximately 4 years to complete, provided sufficient funds are made available by the Congress.



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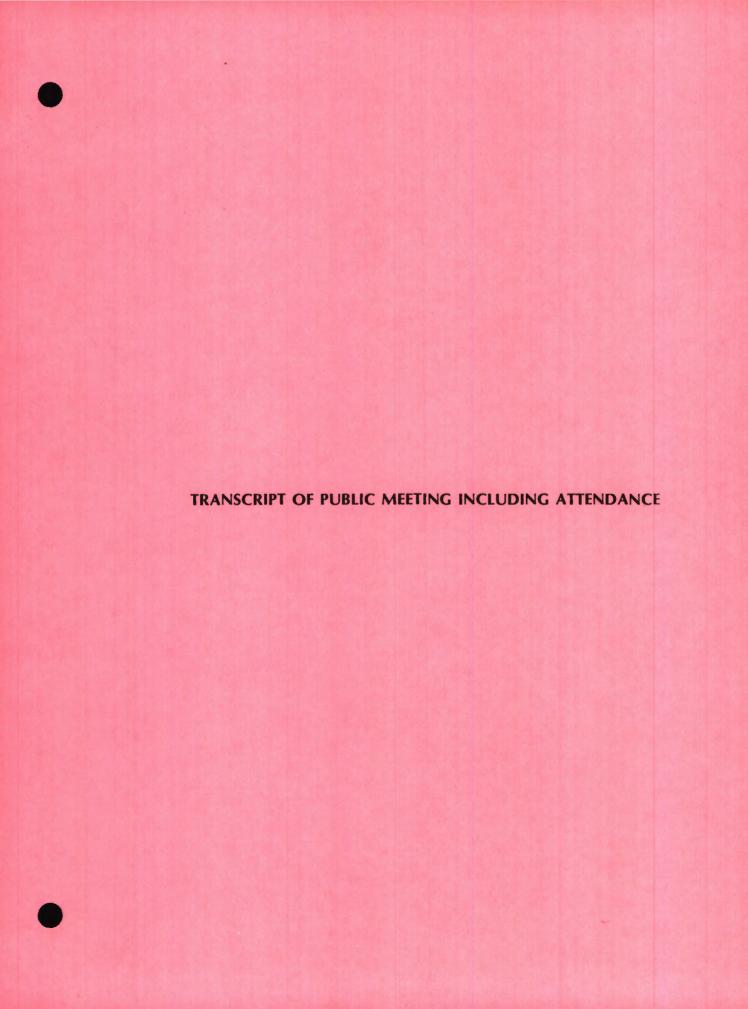
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 MR. RIBBLE: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

My name is George Ribble of the Kern County Water Agency.

I would like to welcome you here tonight to the initial public meeting on the Caliente Creek Stream Group Investigation.

As a result of flood problems which have occurred last year and in the past on the Caliente Creek stream group, the Kern County Board of Supervisors and our Water Agency have requested the Corps of Engineers to evaluate these problems to determine if there are any economically feasible and acceptable solutions.

First, I would like to take care of some administrative details. If you haven't filled out an attendance card as you came in tonight, we request you to do so. These cards not only serve as a record of attendance, but let us know who wishes to speak here this evening. If anyone needs a card to fill out, please raise your hand so that we may give you one at this time.

This meeting is being recorded and a transcript will be made of everything said here tonight.

Also, written comments submitted will be included in the transcript. To be included, written material may be submitted within two weeks.

Following a statement by Mr. Vasquez, Assistant Chief, Engineering Division of the Sacramento District, Corps of Engineers, we will receive statements from those who have indicated on the cards they wish to speak.

Now, I would like to introduce Mr. Vasquez from the Corps of Engineers in Sacramento.

MR. VASQUEZ: Thank you, George.

If you do have something more to put in the record, send us a letter expressing your opinions.

First, I would like to introduce a few of the people from the staff here:

Mr. Daryl Salladay, Assistant Chief, Water Resources
Planning Branch; Mr. Carl Greenstein in the back is our Public
Affairs Officer; Roger Janssen is Chief of the Section conducting
the study; and Bob Childs is the Project Engineer who will be
actually making the study.

As indicated in the announcement, the purpose of this meeting tonight is to provide you with the opportunity to express your interests and ideas in regard to our investigation.

I would like to explain why we are conducting this investigation, give you a brief description of the area involved in the study, mention past studies conducted by the Corps in the area, and indicate what our current investigation will consist of.

In February and March of last year, serious flooding occurred along the Caliente Creek streams. As a result of this and past floods, the Kern County Board of Supervisors and the Kern County Water Agency requested the Corps to reinvestigate the Caliente Creek stream group.

The Caliente Creek stream group includes the creeks of Caliente, Sycamore, Comanche, Tejon and El Paso. These streams

drain a watershed of about 8,000 square miles which consists of a portion of the Southern end of the Sierra Nevada and part of the Northwesterly slopes of the Tehachapis. These streams discharge onto the floor of the San Joaquin Valley where most of the flows either evaporate or percolate into the ground.

This portion of the San Joaquin Valley has developed from a desert-like region to one of high agricultural productivity which is subject to significant flood damages.

In 1966, the Corps of Engineers prepared a feasibility report which presented various flood control plans for the Caliente Creek stream group. These included a system of upstream reservoirs and a system of foothill detention basins connected by a diversion and percolating channel.

The various plans considered flood control alone and flood control in combination with irrigation. However, in all plans considered, the separable costs for flood control exceeded the flood control benefits.

In general, the Federal Government cannot participate in a project where the benefits don't exceed the costs. Therefore, it was recommended by the District Engineer, and concurred in by the Chief of Engineers in Washington, D. C., that no further consideration be given to a federal flood control project for the Caliente Creek stream group at that time. That was 1966.

We are now beginning a new investigation to see if conditions have changed enough since 1966 to permit an economically justifiable solution to the flood problems. We have already started hydrologic studies and economic and environmental

inventories of the area. Information from these studies and input from you people, and your agencies, will be used to develop alternative flood control plans.

Our planning procedure for water resource project follows a three-stage process with the first stage focusing on identification of problems and analyzing possible alternative solutions. This is the stage that we are starting now.

Subsequent stages go into more detailed feasibility studies of potential solutions to the problems. The three stages will take about four years to complete. However, we will know at the completion of the first stage, in about 18 months, whether or not there is a good chance to develop an economically feasible solution to the flood problems.

During the four-year study period, we will hold a minimum of three formal public meetings, and if desirable, we will hold some less formal public workshops. This is the first of three formal public meetings that we are holding.

Near the end of the investigation, a Feasibility Report and an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared. The Feasibility Report will recommend what action, if any, should be taken.

Any proposed plan that is recommended for implementation by the Corps of Engineers, and that is subsequently approved by our higher authorities, would require congressional authorization and funding before the proposal could be implemented.

As I said, this meeting we are having tonight is the first formal public meeting and the purpose of this meeting

is to get your views as to what are the problems, how you feel about the problems, what possible solutions you may have in mind, and what other aspects or considerations should we keep in mind when we are making this study.

So, to get your input, I would like to turn the meeting back to George Ribble, who will call upon you who have indicated that you wish to make a statement. George.

MR. RIBBLE: Thank you, Mr. Vasquez.

I would like now to call on those who wish to make a statement as indicated on their attendance card that they have filled out. First, Mrs. Murtiss Andrew.

In summary, Mrs. Murtiss Andrew stated that she lived at 11004 San Fernando, the second house from the end; that water has never gotten into her yard, but just goes down the street. She requested that someone come and look at her place. She also stated that she is not able to pay taxes for flood control.

The next is Mr. Earl Benham.

MR. BENHAM: I am Earl Benham. I have lived in Lamont since 1943 and we have had more of those floods, and when I was farming, if you had several acres, you couldn't plow it all today. You do some more tomorrow. And I wonder about this, if we can't get the \$24 million and stop it all at one time, some of those other creeks, Comanche, put a little dam on it; or Tejon, or some of the others, or dig a big pond and do what we can and then when we get some more money — this is our number one headache by far.

This last flood in one accident there were two deaths.

They were drowned. In an accident on the highway they were drowned.

There was another man, his car was washed down the stream and, really, it's not at Caliente Creek at times, it's Caliente River.

I don't know whether you have seen it or not, but they have a magazine showing some of the pictures, and this includes more than just Lamont. These other places, I don't see too much reason in having some ponds over here to hold the water after it gets through Lamont here.

If we are going to do anything about Caliente, get it up in the mountains or sandhills where the land would be cheaper.

Okay, thank you.

MR. RIBBLE: Thank you, Mr. Benham.

MR. BENHAM: Did you want to see this?

MR. RIBBLE: Yes, I think we would.

James Williams.

MR. WILLIAMS: I think what should be cleared up is the fact that we are trying to deal with two different problems in this community at the same time, one of the problems being the Caliente Creek group and the other problem being the curbs and the gutters that we are trying to put in, and I have lived here a while, too, and I have seen that when Caliente Creek comes through Lamont, it tends to soak in a little bit except in extreme rainy seasons when it does flood on down this area.

But what we are, a lot of us are here for, is really for

the other project because you see we don't get notification of these meetings.

Now, we have been told we do, but no one has. There have been three or four meetings I didn't come to because I didn't know anything about them.

I'm a property owner and I would like to know about what is going on. I am a taxpayer also.

Another thing, what I am trying to get at basically is these curbs and these gutters, if put in before the Caliente Creek problem is taken care of, I believe it will increase the problem of flooding of Lamont because what you have is hard surface that doesn't soak in. You have got water that's running like a river and it's going to flood more of Lamont on a normal flood-like when we have a hard rain, it's going to flood more so than it does right now. In other words, it takes a real heavy rain to flood like it did this last season or season before last.

And if you have nothing but curbs and gutters and there is no way for the water to soak into the ground at all, you are going to have more flood water and I think more flood damage in Lamont.

I think just common sense will tell you that, that when you have water that has some place to soak in, it's going to retard the rushing of the water a little more than just hard cement and curbs and gutters, and I kind of resent the fact that we are dealing with two issues here instead of one, because it's really one problem as far as Lamont as a community is concerned.

The Caliente Creek is a problem, yet if we have curbs and gutters and we don't take care of Caliente Creek, we are going to have three times the problem next time of floods.

Okay, fine. If you take care of Caliente Creek or do something to divert the water around Lamont, such as a six-foot pipeline or something from the canal east of Lamont to the other side of the railroad tracks over here, you would alleviate quite a bit of the problems with the drain, and then, we could go ahead and start on the curbs and gutters, but I see that these two problems are the same.

I may be wrong. Of course, I'm not an engineer, but I am concerned about it. For one reason, we are going to assess the people on the south end of Lamont, or the north end of Lamont. They say as low as \$6 and it could be as high as \$15. We don't know really what it is going to cost and still yet when the rains come they are going tohave the same problem.

So the money they are paying out monthly for 40 years as in the proposal won't do all that much good. I think there's others here that feel the same way.

The first problem is Caliente Creek. Maybe a temporary device or something that will divert the water around Lamont until you can finish this examination of the situation, and maybe I have talked too much, but the idea is that I think we should all be concerned about it because one day it may rain a big rain.

We have had just some pretty heavy rains and it could do a lot more damage than we ever imagined, so I think we

should check into both of them at once before we do either of them, either the curbs or the gutters or Caliente Creek.

Thank you.

MR. RIBBLE: Thank you, Mr. Williams.

Kenneth Frick.

MR. FRICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the Corps being here and I guess I would divide my comments into three parts.

First of all, I am a long-term resident having lived here since I was born in the Lamont area, and I saw the '32 or the '33 flood and the damage then, of course, was not very much because there was not much in the path of that particular flood.

Yes, there were drains and the like that were covered up coming down and so forth, but as far as the town of Lamont and as far as the community around, a lot of it was not farmed and there were not many people in Lamont.

Of course, as we see the areas settling up and as we see the town of Lamont growing, and I am presuming we will see it grow more and more as time goes on, why the damage figures go up dramatically, and I would be hopeful, and I realize you have your formula, but I would be hopeful in your figuring that you would look ahead rather than behind.

We are really talking about the next half century when you talk about getting after Caliente because I am looking back a half century -- it's almost that long ago when the flood that I guess is called a big one, the '32 or '33 flood was a large one at Lamont, and the amount of damage that will be

 done in the year 2030 is rather large by comparison of the expenditures that are necessary at this point in time.

The second item -- I have been involved in the small ad hoc committee that supervised, helped put together, and we have asked various agencies to try to put together reports. They have. I am most appreciative of what the Kern County Water Agency has done, that the Board of Supervisors has been willing to get behind this and, also, I am holding in my hand a report and if anyone is interested in the box at the back of the room, I think there are copies for everyone.

If they are interested, it is called "A Review of Plans for Flood Control on Caliente Creek," which was submitted to the Board of Supervisors and financed by the Board of Supervisors, put out by Bookman & Edmonston Engineering, and I think it is a good summary and I am particularly taken by that part of the summary that does talk about, I believe it is the Sivert Dam site or the Tamarack Dam site, or what have you, the idea of damage for the 50 or 100-year flood, and letting out 360 cubic feet per second or 500, or whatever -- I see different figures; and that actually being the amount of stream that would go downstream from Caliente, which would get me to the third point.

It would seem to me that Caliente is the one to really look at. The others do flood land. The others do flood farms. The others do not affect the people that Caliente affects. Caliente truly gets right here in the heart of Lamont and it would seem to me that that's where the investigations and the attention by the Corps should be, and I would be hopeful

 that the other streams that they have talked about that are shown on the map do not pull down the cost of the feasibility.

I would hate to think of Sycamore, Little Sycamore,
Comanche, Tejon, El Paso and Tunis pulling down the effectiveness factor that the Corps must come up with as compared to
Caliente itself.

I'm sure everything you go into has been studied over the many years, I was wondering if it is not possible to shorten the period, although you said that in 18 months you are going to have a pretty good feel as to where you are headed, which does make a big difference as to what is going to happen, but as many reports and studies as have been made by both you and others, certainly there's a lot of information already available that I would be hopeful that the guicker that something could be forthcoming, why certainly the people of Lamont are going to be happier as far as water coming down out of the hills.

And I don't think it is possible for anybody who understands what it does to one's home who have been through a flood, to your possessions and those things that are dear to your heart, particularly if you find that you do not have the wherewithal to replace those items or if they are personal items that are not replaceable. I think there's a lot of pain that goes on and I think it is very important that you do not dilute your study worrying about those other streams.

MR. RIBBLE: Anybody else want to make a statement?

MS. KOHL: Excuse me, I didn't have an opportunity to give you back the card before, but I do have a brief statement

to make. My name is Peggie Kohl and I do have a copy of this statement to give to you for reference. I represent the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

I am here at the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' request to inform you of my agency's role in this study.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958 requires all federal agencies involved in water resource development projects, such as the Caliente and the stream group investigation, to consider wildlife conservation equally with other features of the project throughout the agency's planning and decision-making processes.

To fill this requirement, construction agencies, such as the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, must coordinate with State and Federal wildlife agencies, including my agency, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

As part of the coordination process natural resource agencies develop and recommend ways of adopting the project's facilities and operation to offset adverse impacts to fish and wildlife resources, resulting from project implementation. Measures to enhance these resources are also recommended.

In the case of the Caliente stream group investigation, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will be required to include in the project plans such means and measures for wildlife conservation as they may find justifiable to obtain maximum overall project benefits.

The cost of these provisions are to be considered an integral part of the project.

Since the Caliente stream group investigation is just in

the initiation stage and our office has only received the announcement for this public meeting, we have not had an opportunity to evaluate the alternatives presented this evening.

Therefore, we cannot offer any substantive input to the study at this time.

I would, however, like to take this opportunity to announce that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service invites public participation in the process of developing our reports and recommendations. If anyone here has information on the wildlife resources of this area, can help identify their problems and needs, or knows of people interested in these issues, please get in touch with me at the close of this meeting, or letting me know of this through the Army Corps of Engineers, or through my office in Sacramento.

Thank you very much.

MR. RIBBLE: Thank you.

Anybody else like to make a statement?

I think that there's one thing that we know by this time, that this project is going to cost a lot of money to cure Caliente Creek stream's flooding problem, and I think it may be our best hope here tonight to appeal to the Corps of Engineers to solve it.

I think the libraries are filled now with studies of Caliente Creek and I think most of us, or those of us who live in the flood plain and are flooded periodically, are probably tired of seeing more and more reports and would like to get something done to stop the flooding, and in that regard, I would like to say to the Corps that I think that four years

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is an awfully inordinately long time for a study when you really are not plowing any new ground. It's been studied and restudied so many times that there's an enormous amount of data on it.

So, I would hope that they would take less time than four years.

Now is your chance to say what you feel about it. Anybody else have a statement?

MR. HEAD: I am David Head. I would like to echo what Ken said and one other thing in the Corps' study of the problems there are offsets that I would hope that we just don't come to a figure, X number of dollars, and then set that against the damage and say that it is not cost effective because if we know where these structures are going to be, I think the people in the area are willing in a lot of cases to provide the land.

There are projects, both publicly funded and privately funded that will move rock or that will move dirt, or that will do various things, so when we get the plan, if we can use all the offsets we can, then I think we could bring the cost effectiveness into a range that we can afford, but you are right, it's going to take a lot of money.

MR. RIBBLE: Thanks, Dave.

We have with us Kack Thomson of the Water Agency Board of Directors. Jack, would you like to say anything?

MR. THOMSON: I am representing Kern County Water Agency, and, of course, we are participating along with the Board of Supervisors in the study.

I. personally, have a more direct interest because our home is right alongside the East Side Canal and I don't know if Caliente Creek -- I don't think it would probably flood us if it wasn't for the backup breaks in the canal which runs over and so we usually have quite a little water on our farm and so far we have managed to keep it away from the house. But I certainly agree with the statement Kenneth and Dave made that I think that it's more and more important as Lamont grows that some protection be awarded because I know I had a chance to observe some of the homes that were flooded, and these are not, you know, the largest and most expensive houses, but in many cases they are all the people have and to them they are vitally important, and it's really bad to see something like this that, for instance, in 1978, broke right alongside of Lamont and just let the water run right through the center of town.

I think that as time goes on, the damages are going to be very significant unless something is done to control the flooding.

Thank you.

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MR. RIBBLE: Thanks, Jack.

MR. BRINSON: My name is Danny Brinson. I am Assistant Pastor of the First Gospel Church here in Lamont, and as Dave Head already stated, this is a meeting concerning Caliente, feasibility of some type of plan or proposal that would eliminte most of the flooding, and I would like to echo the sentiment of Mr. Williams, the fact that there is a plan right now in the town of Lamont consisting of putting curbs

and gutters throughout the city.

I believe it is 21 miles and we have been mentioning funding here, and it is definitely going to be very expensive and costly to place these dams at the sites that you have chosen. I believe it is \$24.4 million, but the point I would like to make is that the funds that we do now have available and the funds that have been pledged already to this curbs and gutter proposal, I think, to me, and I'm speaking as a voice for our church, that any funds that are now available for water for this problem, that we do have the water problem, should be diverted to the Caliente project 100 percent, because even if we do go ahead and put curbs and gutters in Lamont and this project is not gone through with first, as Mr.

Williams already said, it would more or less be useless.

Just last week I found myself with a shovel out in the curbs and gutters cleaning up some of the mud that came down from the flood last year. It would be no time at all when our curbs and gutters that we paid \$4.2 million for, that could go on this project, would be filled with this same guck I was cleaning out of our gutter in front of our church.

Therefore, our system would be of no use and we would have to go ahead and do this anyway, so what I am saying is that the funds that are now available, they should be, in my opinion, diverted to this project, and that, as Earl Benham already stated, is our problem right here, and as the people of Lamont last year right after the flood spoke their voice a little louder than normal and said, "We need something done here," and a proposal was brought up for this local rain water

and local flooding which is really not what the people wanted.

what the people have wanted and the opinions they have expressed and the voice that they have made has been for this project for the past year, and we just would like to express our support that any funds that are available anywhere else for any other project, we would like to say that they should be diverted and placed to go against the cost of \$25 million.

Thank you.

MR. RIBBLE: The funds that are available for the curbs and gutters, are they federal funds or local funds?

MR. BRINSON: I'm not sure. Ed might correct me. I believe there are three or four agencies.

MR. HEAD: The curb and gutter project is a project that will be two and a half million dollars coming from the Community Development Fund for curbs, gutters and roads, and this type of thing, and then, the community of Lamont will bond itself for the \$1.7 million or whatever the break is in that, but the community will put up that.

There are no funds other than the money that's in the budget now for the Caliente Creek. The monies that are available for curbs and gutters are not available for Caliente Creek.

That project has not been submitted, nor has it been approved for CD funding. The other project has been.

So, it isn't just automatic that way, but that answers the question, I think.

While I am on my feet, let me ask a question in relation to what the young man said. I didn't understand clear the dam sites we have on the map. Those are dam sites that were

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proposed in a prior study.

MR. BRINSON: Essentially yes.

we see there in the construction of the dams?

MR. HEAD: The feasibility of say, let's take Clear Creek dam site on the Tehachapi Creek right there -- now, the feasibility of saying a small structure there not costing the \$20 million or whatever, but costing a good deal less than that, would that then serve as a viable control of that particular contributing stream to the overall problem? Would that be feasible? In other words, if we are looking at this thing so we can do it in phases, is there a logical phasing that

MR. JANSSEN: Well, Mr. Head, it would depend upon, first of all, how much that dam, how much water this dam would control and maybe --

MR. HEAD: Let me clear my question. Is there sufficient information to answer the question I asked? In other words, has that been looked at? Does that control a sufficient amount of water that if that were structured alone it would have a "significant" -- and that's not a good word -- would it contribute an important phase of flood control in the Lamont area?

MR. JANSSEN: Well, at this particular stage, I couldn't answer that because we are currently redeveloping our hydrology, for instance.

MR. HEAD: That would be in the study, in the first 18 months?

MR. JANSSEN: Right.

MR. HEAD: Thank you.

MR. RIBBLE: I could add, too, on the funding, if the

Corps builds the project, usually the construction costs are federally funded, and lands, easements, rights-of-way and relocations and operation and maintenance is locally funded, so that usually means the formation of some kind of an improvement or taxing district to guarantee operation and maintenance of the project after the Federal Government constructs it.

So, that's what you are looking at. That's one of the

estimates that will come out of the study.

Anyone else? Yes.

MS. BOWERS: May I ask a question, please? My name is Zelda Bowers, Postmaster of Caliente. Is this going to affect the town of Caliente, this proposed dam site that you are referring to?

MR. JANSSEN: At this stage, ma'am, I couldn't say yes or no. From the dam sites that are shown there, these two up here probably would not affect the town of Caliente, but at this stage we haven't developed the information in sufficient detail to answer questions such as that. Eventually, yes, we will be able to say yes or no definitely.

MR. RIBBLE: Anyone else?

If there aren't any further statements, we, members of the staff of the Corps and Water Agency, will be available for discussion or questions after the meeting.

So, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you for coming.

(Thereupon the meeting was adjourned.)

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Flood in this area was due to lack of proper drainage below town of Caliente
where Caliente Creek and Tehachapi Creek came together. This caused backup
of 11000 waters in this area. Very extensive damage was also done to
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Dear Sir.

CalienteCreek floods are our worst problem. Lamont is the home of many elderly and poor personsand we can do little to prevent alleviate this problem. In addition to all the property loss and misery of the 1970 flood, two Lamont residents were drowned.

Somebody' else's water causes most of our flood problems.

Mountain snows and rains send Caliente water rushing downstream. DiGiorgio Dam prevents the water from flowing south
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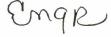
Kern Lake, the old lake bed, is now being farmed and there is no place for water to go without doing damage. Future floods are sure to come endangering lives and property.

I don't know what action should be taken, but please do something. A dam to care for 50-year floods is preferable to no dam at all.

Sincerely,

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July 18, 1979

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